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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-142495, published on June 11, 1993,

together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,245,462 to KANAI et al., issued on September 14, 1993, and discussed on page 10 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-113950, published on May 2, 1995,

together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,488,502 to SAITO, issued on January 30, 1996, and discussed on page 10 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-47133, published on February 18, 2000,

together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,130,768 to ONO, issued on October 10, 2000; and

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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0067665 to IIZUKA, published on April 10, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent application are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents. Copies of the Japanese patent documents have been attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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